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Current History Periodicals

This descriptive list is intended for the use of the students of the "Current history class" which meets fortnightly at the public library. The object of this class is to cultivate a broader American national outlook upon the affairs of the whole world by the study, in a popular way, of the events and problems of the day. Attention is to be centered especially upon political, commercial, and industrial subjects.

1. Weeklies

The Outlook, N.Y. City, \$3.00

The first pages contain a broad and interpretative survey of the events of the week which is characterized by clearness, forcefulness, keen insight, and sound judgment. Breadth of view and accuracy of information may always be expected. Sociological subjects are treated with democratic sympathy. Ethical emphasis is brought out vigorously. The Outlook is strong and virile, progressive and constructive. Its leadership in all that is highest, truest, and best is unquestioned.

The Independent, N.Y. City, \$2.00

The department entitled "Survey of the world" is excellent. Nearly all important matters are treated, although very briefly. Paragraphs are short, concise, and clear. There are also very good, signed articles on questions of the day.

Springfield Republican, Springfield, Mass. \$1.00

The weekly edition presents one of the best chronicles of the week published. The chronicler does not confine himself to colorless statement. Weighty matters are presented with due prominence. The news and editorial pages are carefully prepared.

The Nation, N.Y. City, \$3.00

It has strong and very able editorials, but it is not as virile and constructive as it was in former years.

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Literary Digest, N.Y. City, \$3.00

Gives excellent, brief outlines of subjects of current interest, together with well-selected extracts from the periodical press. Its range of subjects is wide. It has become the best of its kind.

Public Opinion, N.Y. City, \$2.50

Made up of selections and condensations from the periodical press. It was formerly a better paper than it is now.

Great Round World, N.Y. City, \$1.50

Describes quite accurately the important and significant events of the whole world. Subjects to be written up are well-chosen and each is made complete enough to be understood as a whole. Language good and style pleasing. Interesting to young people of all ages.

Youth's Companion, Boston, Mass. \$1.75

The editorials on "Current Topics" page are written with unusual care by the best authorities. Interesting and profitable to adults as well as youth.

Timely Topics, Lansing, Mich. \$1.00

It treats principally of the large and important matters of world history, such as are of very general interest. Articles are bright and entertaining; written in good, clear, concise language. Some well-selected articles are quoted. The editor has been the Michigan state superintendent of schools. Intended for school use.

The illustrated weeklies, Harper's, Leslie's, Collier's,

Scientific American, and others, are excellent through their portraits and other pictures. There are frequently good, signed articles on questions of current history. Leslie's has a biographical page entitled "People talked about." The political cartoons in Judge, Puck, and some of the newspapers are sometimes noteworthy. The London News, Saturday Review, Public Opinion, and other English weeklies are also important.

2. Monthlies, etc.

American Monthly Review of Reviews, N.Y. City, \$2.50

By far the best monthly for general information on the current affairs and thought of the world in politics and sociology in general. The spirit in which it is conducted is cosmopolitan, hopeful, progressive, and sympathetic towards the common life. In the "Progress of the world" the outlook is broad, information accurate, and style interesting; it is sometimes gossipy, and is too much given to political speculations about the future. Good portraits, illustrations, and small maps are a very valuable feature. The political cartoons are well-selected, but often too much reduced in size. The brief "Record of current events" is carefully and accurately written. The contributed articles are on timely subjects, often from the best writers.

Political Science Quarterly, Boston, \$3.00

The "Record of political events" by Prof. William A. Dunning, published in June and December, is an excellent résumé of political and social movements throughout the world, occupying about 30 pages each time. It is carefully

each time. It is carefully prepared and well-proportioned.

Current History (quarterly), Boston, Mass. \$1.50

Furnishes a good general summary of events. It is reliable and fairly well-written. Good proportion is sometimes disregarded by needless amplification of unimportant details.

Chautauquan, Meadville, Penn. \$2.00

The department entitled "History as it is made" consists of brief and quite well-written paragraphic statements about the important events of the month.

The Forum, North American, Annals of the American Academy, Municipal Affairs, National Geographic Magazine, Nineteenth Century, Contemporary, Fortnightly, Century, Scribner's, McClure's, and other leading reviews and magazines contain articles that present the latest and best information obtainable on special subjects of current interest and inquiry. These contributions are frequently from well-known writers, each eminent in his own field. The biographical statements concerning contributors form a very serviceable feature of the Forum.

3. Newspapers.

The tendency to provide more extended and expressive headlines and a brief outline or summary statement at the beginning of a newspaper article is a good one, very useful to busy people. Each of the prominent newspapers of the principal cities has its own special characteristics, some to be commended and some not. Special mention is made of four papers only.

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The New York Tribune (Republican) has a strong corps of editors. Editorials on foreign affairs show wide and accurate information. The correspondence from Washington is good. Isaac N. Ford writes well from London. "Ex-attaché" gets much inside information about European politics.

The New York Sun (Democratic) is noted for its very able staff of editors, reporters, and correspondents who take great pains to give the news accurately and to express everything in good language. It has small type and brief headlines.

The Chicago Record (Independent) is fair-minded editorially and has a strong corps of correspondents. The daily letters from William E. Curtis, formerly at the head of the Bureau of American Republics, are very interesting and informing. Mr. Curtis has earned a high reputation as one of the best newspaper correspondents of the day.

The Chicago Times-Herald (Republican) is very ably conducted. It is editorially strong, conservative, and undemocratic.

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